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New 8:30 Service

The next six weeks will introduce a fresh approach for the 8:30 worship service. See the Pastor's Pen for more details.



New 8:30 Service

Receiving of Friends

Please join the Koinonia Class Sunday, February 17, 2:00 pm-3:00 pm in the Althouse Room for a time of receiving friends in loving memory of Floyd "Nick" Nickerson, father of Tammy Mumford.

Beverages and desserts will be served.

Lenten Organ Recital Begin Friday, February 15

The Music Ministry of Corinth Reformed Church is proud to present a series of organ recitals beginning on Friday, February 15 continuing through Friday, March 21, 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm. These organ recitals are dedicated to the glory of God and in celebration of the life of Raenelle Bolick Abernethy. Mrs. Abernethy was a devoted member of Corinth, sharing time, talents, and financial contributions.

Florence Jowers is the organist for February 15. Florence Jowers is an Associate Professor of Music and College Organist at Lenoir-Rhyne College. She teaches classes in the Sacred Music Program and conducts the Lenoir-Rhyne Youth Chorus. She will be performing a recital of orchestral transcriptions on Thursday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Hickory. Included on the program will be Saint-Saëns' "Carnival of the Animals", "Venus and Jupiter" from "The Planets" by Gustav Holst, excerpts from "Carmen" by Georges Bizet, and Rossini's "William Tell Overture". This will be a free concert.

The future organists for the series are: Cory Westby, February 22; Andris Rozukalns, February 29; Joby Bell, March 7; Kenneth Miller, March 14; Peter Corneliussen, March 21.



Corinth Youth Hot Topic Series

Starting February 13 out in the new Abernethy Youth Center, the Youth Crew Wednesday night Bible study will begin its 6 week "Hot Topic" Study.

Perennially, students are struggling with at least 6 major issues when it comes to the Bible and our culture; and as a church it is our responsibility to dig deep into the Lord's Word and see what God has to say about each of these issues because the World is daily bombarding our students with its own ideas about them. We will be studying "The Bible And: Evolution, Dating/Sex/Abstinence, Abortion, Homosexuality, Alcohol/Drugs and Parents." Each week will be handled much like our typical format with an hours worth of games, worship, teaching, and followed by our small group studies for the final half hour.

Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend any youth CREW that they would desire if they are interested or concerned about any of these studies. Please feel free to contact Paul Cummings paul@corinthtoday.org if you have any questions or concerns.

*Thank you and God bless,
Pastor Paul*



Youth Topics

Wednesday Night Meals for Youth

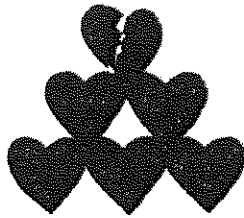
Beginning Wednesday, February 7, youth (grades 6 and up) may take their Wednesday night dinners from the Fellowship Hall in the Abernethy Student Center, in the Sunday School rooms across from the restrooms. This will be on a trial basis and will continue if the rooms are kept clean. Children grades 5 and under should remain in the Fellowship Hall to eat their meals.

GriefShare

GriefShare, a 13 week grief recovery video seminar and support group, will be held here at Corinth starting on February 13. The meeting will be held on Wednesdays from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm in the Althouse Room.

Please call Betty McGee, R.N., Parish Nurse, at 828.328.6196, ext 204, or email at betty@corinthtoday.org.

GriefShare



Financial Update

- Offering this week: \$20,661
- Budget year needs to date: \$95,641 (9.4%)
- 2008 Offering year to date: \$96,237 (9.5%)
- Needed by February 29: \$72,813
- Capital Campaign this week: \$1,954
- Souper Bowl Sunday Offering: \$1,224



World Day of Prayer

The annual world day of prayer ecumenical worship service will be held at St. Andrews Lutheran Church in Hickory Friday, March 7, 2008, at 7:00 pm.

The theme of this service is "God's Wisdom Provides New Understanding." This celebration was prepared by the World Day of Prayer committee of Guyana, South America. This event is sponsored by more than 15 churches, among them Corinth Reformed Church. Child care will be provided. Refreshments will be served after the service. If you have any questions please contact Carole Marmorato, 828.256.8956.

Community Lenten Services

The Community Lenten Services continue during the Lent season. February 13, 20 will be at First United Methodist Church and February 27, March 5, March 12, will be at Hartzell Memorial United Methodist Church. Service begins at 12:10 pm and lasts until 12:30 pm. Followed by lunch.



Looking Forward to Worship

"I am the resurrection and the life," Jesus told Lazarus' grieving sister. "Do you believe this?" That's the question we face as we worship on Sunday, February 10. Read John 11:17-27 to prepare for worship.

Gabe and Aiden Smith will be baptized in the 11:00 traditional service. They have recently come into the home of their new guardians, Mike and Amy McGhinnis, following the death last year of Amy's sister Catherine, who was Gabe and Aiden's mother.



See the Pastor's Pen for more detail about the new 8:30 worship format which begins this Sunday.

Attendance

February 3, 2008
Worship services - 576
Sunday School - 260

Week of February 10

Sunday, Feb 10

Worship (Sanctuary), 8:30 am
Sunday School, 9:45 am
Traditional Worship, 11:00 am (Sanctuary)
Contemporary Worship, 11:00 am (Fellowship Hall)
Young Adult Bible Study, 7:00 pm
*Alcoholics Anonymous, 8:00 pm

Monday, Feb 11

Boys Scouts, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, Feb 12

Men's Bible Study, 6:30 am
Prayer Group, 2:00 pm
Boards, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, Feb 13

Men's Bible Study, 7:00 am
Spiritual Stretchers, 9:45 am
Bible Study and Prayer, 11:00 am
GriefShare, 2:00 pm
Jr High Youth Chorus, 4:15 pm
Children's Choir, 5:00 pm
Confirmation, 5:00 pm
Fellowship Meal, 5:30 pm
Kids' Club, 6:15 pm
Women's Bible Study, 6:15 pm
Men's Bible Study, 6:15 pm
Characters of the Bible, 6:15 pm
Jr & Sr High Youth CREW, 6:30 pm
Chancel Choir, 7:00 pm
College Girls Bible Study, 9:00 pm

Thursday, Feb 14

Men's Bible Study, 8:00 am
Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am

Friday, Feb 15

Lenten Organ Recital, 12:30 pm

Saturday, Feb 16

DivorceCare, 10:00 am

**Non-Corinth - sponsored events.*

Pastors' Prayer List

Current Items for Praise and Prayer

- Trisha Harris has moved to Hospice and Palliative Care Center of Catawba Valley. Please continue to remember her and her family in prayer.
- Cole Preston Heavner was born at Catawba Valley Medical Center to Chuck and Kelly Thursday, January 31, at 7:55 AM.
- Tripp Mattox was hospitalized several days last week at Duke, but is home and doing much better. The Mattox family ask your prayers for the family of Amber Richardson, a young girl who had been in the transplant unit with Tripp, but took her flight to heaven late last week.
- Alice Ruth Pierce was released from Catawba Valley Medical Center and is now under the care of Lutheran Home West for physical therapy and rehabilitation.
- Mary Berry requests prayer for her mom, Bette Faulkner, Smyrna, SC, who is now under the care of hospice since her release from Piedmont Medical Center in Rock Hill, SC.
- Karin Blanchard's mother, Joyce Warden, will be released today from Catawba Valley Medical Center and will stay with Karin and Tony for continued rehabilitation.
- Christine Cofer asks prayer for her uncle, Carl Morris of Vienna, VA, whose wife, Deloris, died unexpectedly this morning.



Special Ministries Person of the Week: Barbara Terrell, 915 29th Avenue NE, Hickory, NC 28601

Military Person of the Week: Wayne Cofer, Communications Company, 4th Service & Support Battalion, 4th MLG, Greensboro, NC 27401

Student of the Week: Marcus Bowen, East Carolina University, Fletcher 439 ECU, Greenville, NC
email :MJBO309@ecu.edu

Benevolence of the Week: Cornerstone Counseling, 263 3rd Avenue NE, Hickory, NC 28601, Contact Person: Michael R. Stewart, General Director, email: cornerstonecc@charter.net

Families of the Week: David & Tracey Bolick (Flynn, Wade, Charlie); Greta Bolick; Marc & Holly Bolick (Abby, Carter, Drew); Michael & Mindy Bolick (Owen, Anna, Noah); Ken Bolling; Laura Bolling (Corey, Allison, Jordan, Garrett); Cecil & Gretchen Bost; Ted & June Bost (Betsy, Alice, Nathan); Lois Bost; Dora Bost; Bill Bost; Bill & Sybil Bost; Gene & Diane Bostwick; Elinor Boswell; Sam & Connie Bowen (Eric, Marcus, Monica); Phil Bowman; Jeanne Boyd

Young at Heart Luncheon

The Sterling House of Hickory, an Assisted Living Community will host a luncheon at Corinth Church in the Fellowship Hall Thursday, February 28, 11:30. The topic of discussion will be: *Accepting the Challenge, Providing the best care for people with Dementia*. Angie Pooley, Community Sales Representative will highlight a DVD on the challenges that face caregivers at home or in an assisted living community that provides specialized care in memory impairment. This DVD will answer some of these questions: 1) What is Dementia 2) Communicating-Talking and Responding to a person with Dementia
Please RSVP to the church office 328.6196 ext 203 or email office@corinthtoday.org by February 21.

Easter Lily Order Blank

Please use one order blank for each lily ordered. Lilies are \$9.00 each, and payment must accompany the order. Order form(s) and payment may be mailed to the church office, or placed in the offering plate. The deadline for placing orders is Monday, March 16, 2008.



Please indicate how you wish the listing to appear in the bulletin. CHECK ONE:

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In honor of: _____ by _____

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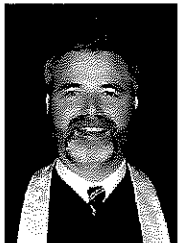
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Pastor's Pen *New 8:30 Service*

For the next six weeks, we will be trying a new approach at the 8:30 worship service. I'm looking forward to the experience! The 8:30 service had its beginning before I became Pastor of Corinth almost fifteen years ago. It was primarily a monthly communion service at first. Some Corinth members wanted to have communion more often. They would meet in the chancel (choir loft) on the first Sunday of the month for a communion service.

A year or two after I came – I can't remember the exact date – we decided to make the service a weekly service, still retaining the monthly schedule of communion. We announced a "trial period" – six months, I think. The service would be different from the 11:00 service – no offering collection, no choir, more "gospel" hymns, more piano than organ, more informal. After that time it was clear our "new" 8:30 service was a good option. Over time the service became almost exactly like the traditional – except for the offering and the lack of a choir.

About five years ago, we added a new Sunday morning service – the 11:00 contemporary service. We also began this as a trial period, but it was a "no brainer" to continue

when the trial period ended. This service has grown rapidly under the capable and gifted leadership of Paul Cummings. Its attendance is now roughly comparable to the 11:00 traditional service, but it meets in a smaller space.

Now we are ready for a new trial period. For six weeks, we will change the format of the 8:30 service. It won't be traditional and it won't be contemporary. It will be more like the combined service, except that it won't have all the "business" – receiving of new members, ordaining of deacons, etc. The music will be fresh and varied. We believe this service will minister to a broad cross section of current Corinth members, perhaps even allowing some of those who have been attending the contemporary service to choose 8:30 so the contemporary service can continue to grow.

Paul, Bill, Peter, and I will all be part of the leadership of the 8:30 service. On most Sundays, Paul and I will share the sermon time – exchanging insights from our 11:00 sermons. We will give a new group of Corinth laity an opportunity to share their gifts through music and worship planning.

Come join us Sunday at 8:30! Be sure to share your feedback with us as we seek the Lord's direction on whether to continue the new 8:30 service after Easter.

- Bob Thompson, Pastor